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£400,000 TO BE SPENT ON PLAY AREAS

Timing of funding 'surprising' as £20m cuts anticipated

COUNCIL moneymen have opted to spend almost £400,000 of taxpayers' cash on play areas – despite facing a £20 million budget cut.

Medway Council's Cabinet made the decision to allocate £381,518 of funding to renovate nine children's sites at a meeting last week.

The Labour party has questioned the timing of the move, just days before the authority's financial settleBY SIMON ROBINSON

ment is allocated by government.

It is thought the council could be left with a £20m financial black hole, leading to wholesale cutbacks across a multitude of services. Despite the fears, Cabinet members

Despite the fears, Cabinet members decided improving Medway's play facilities was a "priority" and worthy of a six-figure investment sum.

The cash has been provided by the

government's Playbuilder programme, which was set up with the sole purpose of giving run-down play areas a new lease of life.

However, changes to the scheme this year meant that council bosses were no longer obliged to use the funding for this purpose.

A Medway Conservatives group spokesman confirmed: "With the removal of ringfencing, local authorities could use these funds for other

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KUYAL MARINE

GEORGE WEARS HIS BERET WITH PRIDE

Tough teenage schoolboy George Craggs has become one of the youngest Green Berets in the country.

The Rochester Grammar pupil passed the gruelling Royal Marine Commandos selection process last week. At just 18, George is one of the elite fighting force's youngest ever recruits.

To earn his Green Beret, the youngster had to make fast rope descents from helicopters, complete a nine-mile speed march, swim through a submerged tunnel in full kit, pass a testing rifle shoot and come through a number of assault courses. Out of an original intake of 62 recruits, just seven made the grade.

George's achievement is all the more impressive when you take into account that he was turned away from Chatham's Royal Marine Reserves detachment as a 16-year-old for failing his medical. He was too light.



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Our MPs claim £11k expenses in first round

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Crouch and Rehman Chisti

THE towns' three new Tory MPs claimed a combined total of more than £11,000 in their first round of expenses.

Chatham and Aylesford's Tracey Crouch led the way with £6,319.27, with Gillingham and Rainham's Rehman Chishti receiving £4,758.05. Mark Reckless, the MP for Rochester and Strood, is yet to submit any expenses claims.

Of Miss Crouch's £6k expenses, £3,877.50 was spent on staffing and more than £870 went towards stationery. The Tory, who defeated Labour's Jonathan Shaw in General Mav's also spent Election, £475 on 'professional a term defined as someone who provides a service to the MP, such as a chartered surveyor.

Miss Crouch said her claim was made up of personal costs rather than expenses.

first three months of claims cover the cost of setting up an MP's office rather than reimbursement any kind of personal claim," she said. "I will shortly be publishing all my claims to date rather than operate to the timetable set by the Independent Parlia-mentary Standards Authority,

which will give the public the transparency they demand on what their taxes are being spent on."

Similarly, the bulk of Mr Chishti's

expenses came in the form of staffing (£3,877.50), with stationery

justify my expenses. There are costs involved with running two offices and I do not claim a second home allowance. Gillingham is my home."

With regards to the £3.1 million

claimed in total by the MPs between May and September, the Medway MP added: The cost of MPs expenses Parliament has halved. This can only be good news. I also welcome transparency, which is good for accountability." The

published expenses show Prime Minister David Cameron claimed £2,408.75 for research Colchester's Bob Russell claimed £82.13

for toilet paper for his constituency office. Labour MP Gloria De Piero, an ex-GMTV presenter, claimed £1 for cleaning gloves from Netto, while the smallest individual claim lodged was by Pete Wishart, the SNP rep-resentative for Perth &

North Perthshire, who claimed 14p in mileage. The £3.1m cost claims by MPs for the first four months of the Coalition Government are in stark contrast to the £96m bill

BY **SIMON ROBINSON**

coming in second place (£800).

Travel, explained as 'own car MP

staff' made up the remaining £75 . Mr Chishti said: "I am happy to

for the whole of last year.

Pub booking pulled as EDL is rumbled

A PUB landlord shut the door on the English Defence League after they hired out a function room under a different name.

The Kent branch of the EDL - a far-right group set up last year – had made plans to hold a meeting at O'Connells, Chatham, at 8pm last

They are said to have booked a room at the town centre pub under the guise of the Help for Heroes charity.

Labour councillor Vince Maple, who campaigns for the Love Music Hate Racism campaign, spoke to the land-

lord, who cancelled the booking.
"I have spoken to pub and police and they confirmed, unsurprisingly, that the room was booked in a different name and the pub had no idea the EDL was planning to use their venue," he said.

Chief Inspector Peter de Lozey said: "Kent Police were made aware there was information circulating that the English Defence League planned to hold a meeting at a pub in Medway. "We spoke with the licensee and

were advised the meeting would not be going ahead."

Consultation on NHS

HEALTH bosses are inviting patients to have their say on the NHS's future.

Opinions are being sought with

regards to the Government's White Paper, Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS.

NHS Medway's acting chief executive Helen Buckingham said: "These

consultations cover some of the most crucial aspects of the White Paper. "This is an opportunity for people to have their say about the choices they can make about their care and treatment and who provides it."

More details can be found at www.medwaypct.nhs.uk/Get_involved. The closing date is January 14.

Teenagers robbed

TWO yobs stole a guitar and a mobile phone from two young teenagers.

The robbers approached their vic-

tims - a boy and girl - in The Vines, Rochester. They ran off in the direc $tion\ of\ St\ Margaret's\ Street.$

Both men, aged 20-25, were wearing dark clothing, and one had a distinctive red and black three-pointed scarf. The robbery took place at 5.15pm on Wednesday, October 20.

Call police on 01634 792644 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Veteran Eddie's first Afghan tour

deployed to Afghanistan for the first time, despite being in the Army for

Major Eddie Walsh, 43, has travelled to Helmand Province where he will command his unit, 23 Engineer Regiment Air Assault.

Eddie, who joined the service in 1983, heads out on a tour leaving behind wife Estelle and five children Michael, 22, Andy, 21, Matt, 16, Lucy, ten, and Harry, seven.

The soldier, along with his unit, will be responsible for driving out insurgents as well as improving security and training Afghan police.

Eddie said: "I enjoy having the privilege of commanding good quality, professional soldiers conducting a difficult mission that is making a real difference here in Afghanistan.



IN COMMAND: Maior Eddie Walsh

"Life isn't easy for the Afghans but we are making things better in Helmand. We are focusing our effort on training and mentoring the Afghan national army engineers to

enable them to conduct operations.

It's a long and challenging process but we are making real progress."

As Royal Engineers, Eddie's men also have more specialised roles. As a headquarters and support squadron. headquarters and support squadron, his unit provides support to others in the form of drivers and plant operators and construction materials.

The group are also trained to engineer equipment, such as bridging capability and technical design. Eddie has previously been on tours

in Northern Ireland, Bosnia and Iraq. He said: "I miss all my family and I'm looking forward to seeing them when I get back. I'm also looking forward to a nice relaxing holiday to wind down after the tour."

Frosty reception after snowman theft report

BY SIMON ROBINSON

999 call is heard around the globe after 'going viral'

A YOUNG woman made headlines across the globe last week after calling 999 to report the theft of her snowman.

The unnamed Chatham caller rang the emergency number after she looked outside her house and noticed her beloved snowman had

A transcript of the concerned woman's conversation with the police operator was released on Friday morning and was immediately posted on our website.

Within hours the story had been picked up by all the national newspapers. The stolen snow-man then went viral, finding its way onto thousands of websites across the world.

The snowman – who had pound coins for eyes

and teaspoons for arms - was also being widely discussed on Facebook and Twitter.

The missing snowman 999 call later went on to become the BBC's most read story of the day.



MISSING: The theft of a snowman prompted a 999 call from a woman in Chatham (see transcript, right)

One quick-thinking Twitter user then kept the story alive when they had the bright idea to set up a profile for the missing snowman.

Under the alias of StolenSnowman they

CALL TRANSCRIPT

'My snowman's been stolen ...'

Caller: "There's been a theft from outside my house. I haven't been out to check on him for five hours but \boldsymbol{I} went outside for a fag and he's gone."

Operator: "Who's gone?"

Caller: "My snowman. I thought that with it being icy and there not being anybody about he'd be safe."

Operator: "Do you mean an ornament?"

Caller: "No, a snowman made of snow, I made him myself. It ain't a nice road but you don't expect anybody to nick your snowman."

wrote Tweet update such as "Where am I? Can't see a damn thing" and "I may be wrong... but I think I'm in the boot of a car".

However, Kent Police chiefs were less amused

with the woman's antics.

She received a frosty reception from Chief Inspector Simon Black, who said: "This call could have cost someone's life if there was a genuine emergency and they couldn't get through. It was completely irresponsible."

The force received more than 8,000 general and 999 calls in 48 hours when last week's snow storms hit Medway, double the number it normally receives.

A feast of festive **Dockyard music**

A CAROL concert will be held at Chatham Historic Dockyard tomorrow (Thursday).

Led by the Dean of Rochester, the Very Rev Adrian Newman, the Royal Dockyard Church concert will feature performers including Rochester Cathedral choristers and the Band of the Corps of Royal Engineers.

The evening starts at 6.30pm with a pre-service reception in the new No.1 Smithery, where festive drinks and snacks will be served. The service itself commences at 7.30pm.

As has become tradition, Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust requests a donation for tickets and the suggested amount is £5. Proceeds will be dedicated to the HMS Gannet mast fund.

The seasonal entertainment continues the following week with the ever-popular Christmas Concerts presented by the Band of the Corps of Royal Engineers.

Unique

These also take place in the Royal Dockyard Church on Monday and Tuesday, December 13 and 14, both starting at 7.30pm.

This year the Royal Engineers will be joined by singers from Gad's Hill School, Higham.

Each year the sappers' band combines a mix of traditional and not so well known pieces which they perform in their own unique style.

Tickets for the Royal Engineers concerts are £9 for adults, £7 concessions and £5 for children (up to 16 years).

Profits from the band concerts will support the work of the Army Benevolent Fund and Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust.

Advance booking for both occasions is recommended. Tickets can be purchased by calling 01634 823815 or in person at the Admiral's Offices in the Dockyard.

Play areas to be revamped

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schemes. However, Medway's Cabinet felt that improving play facilities was a priority and funding has now been earmarked for the new sites.

Luton Recreation Ground, Bush Road in Cuxton and Allhallows on the Hoo Peninsula are among the play areas to be renovated.

Medway Council's community services boss Howard Doe said: "I am very pleased the Cabinet has decided to allocate this funding to

improve play facilities in Medway. "This will transform another nine sites in Medway, meaning that over a two year period 20 sites have been improved. It will provide accessible, safe and outstanding play facilities that can be enjoyed by our young people across the Medway area.

Medway's Labour group leader Paul Godwin said: "I'm not going to criticise the use of the Playbuilder cash, as it is a scheme we have supported in the past and feel is particularly important in Medway.

"The timing of the decision is a bit odd, though.

"The council is expected to learn of its financial settlement on Monday, and is predicting it will have to make £20m of savings.

"So, I'm surprised in the context of the decision.'

Christmas Day face slasher thug is jailed

the face with a knife five times during a frenzied Christmas Day attack has

been jailed indefinitely.
Paul Harbour, 25, of Lobelia Close,
Gillingham, told his helpless victim
with each horrific stroke: "Every time you see this, you'll remember me.

Harbour's 37-year-old victim was left with permanent scarring.

The yob pleaded not guilty to

wounding with intent, claiming he had acted in self-defence.

But a jury at Maidstone Crown Court took less than 30 minutes to find him guilty. He was sentenced at the same court on Monday, last week.

The court heard how Harbour and the victim became involved in an argument at a Gillingham house on Friday, December 25, last year.

Harbour was asked to leave, at which point the confrontation became physical. The thug then armed him-self with a knife and launched his savage attack.

Officers arrested him in a nearby street and was charged the next day.

Det Con Darryll Paulson said: "Harbour showed a clear intent on causing an injury by repeatedly cutting the victim and stating 'every time you see this, you'll remember me'. The injuries were serious and have left



KNIFE ATTACK: Paul Harbour launched frenzied attack on helpless victim

permanent scarring."

"We are pleased the judge recognised the severity of the incident and hope this sentence demonstrates that Kent Police in Medway will not tolerate violent incidents of this nature and will deal with offenders robustly."



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Bottom of the class: Medway's failing primary schools shame

MEDWAY was home to more than a quarter of the county's failing primary schools last year, this paper can reveal.

Five schools across the towns were either put in special measures or served with notices to improve following an in-depth Ofsted inspection.

Only 14 other schools across the entire county suffered a similar fate between 2009-2010. Both Medway Council and KCC defended the

Ofsted findings, claiming the bar had been raised and that assessments were now tougher. But Gravesend-based education advisor

Peter Read said if Ofsted was raising standards then councils should be doing the same.

"Medway Council must be concerned about the number of failing primary schools. It is its responsibility to help improve standards," he said.

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"My question is if Ofsted has raised the bar then why aren't local authorities doing the

A Medway Council spokesman said the authority was working intensively with the schools and that two had been taken out of spe-

cial measures after follow-up inspections.

They said: "We are committed to providing schools where every pupil reaches their full potential and where Ofsted have found that schools are underachieving we are taking swift and robust action to accelerate students achievements and progress.

"It is disappointing for all those associated with a school when it becomes subject to a notice to improve or requires special measures and we fully accept that we need to work harder to ensure every school provides the best outcomes for its pupils.

"The council is working intensively with these schools in order to address the improvement issues, ensuring they make progress and ensure their next inspection is successful.
"St Margaret's CEV Junior school is an exam-

ple of such actions, judged as 'good' at its latest Ofsted report this month after being given notice to improve a year ago.

"Gordon Juniors has also been taken out of special measures following its most recent Ofsted inspection, which saw standards raised within 16 months of their last report.

"We have taken robust action to secure immediate improvements in the remaining schools. We have recruited strong leaders, strengthened governing bodies, and supported partnership working with good schools.

"We are already seeing the effects of this work in inspectors' follow-up visits.'

Teenager punched in five-yob assault

A TEENAGER suffered a split lip after being set upon by a five-strong mob of

The 16-year-old was attacked in Beechings Way, Gillingham, at 3.30pm on Monday, November 29.

One of the five repeatedly punched the youngster in the mouth until he fell to the floor.

The gang then walked away in the direction of Pump Lane.

The men are described as white and aged about 18. One was wearing a white hooded top.

PC Amanda Taylor said: "This was an unprovoked assault on a young man which resulted in him suffering a significant injury.

"I urge anyone who was in the area at the time, or has information which may assist our investigation, to contact us

Anyone with information is asked to call police on 01634 792531, or the free and confidential Crimestoppers line on 0800 555111.



A teenage girl has been found safe and well more than three weeks after going missing Kavita Bunger, 19, had been missing since leaving her home in Luton Road, Chatham, on Friday,

Yourmedway's online appeal for information was forwarded dozens of times by concerned Twitter users in the hope that one of their friends of contacts may have seen her.

Kavita was finally found in the town on Monday.

A police spokesman said: "A 19 year old woman from Chatham who went missing has been

Drink drivers to be banned in a day

DRINK drivers could now find themselves caught and punished within 24 hours following new measures by Kent Police.

The new process, that started today, will see anyone caught drunk and behind the wheel arrested and tried by virtual court almost immediately.

People arrested in the Medway Towns, Gravesham and Dartford areas could face the swift justice by appearing in the Court at North Kent Police Station.

Usually drink drivers are charged with the offence and given 15 days before they are given a date to appear before a magistrate. They are

also permitted to continue driving. With these new measures however, those

who commit the offence could now be taken off the road the very same day.

Assistant Chief Constable Gary Beautridge said: "The virtual courts system means we can take drink drivers off the road straight away, rather than waiting for the case to be heard.

"It means someone arrested and charged in the morning could be dealt with and banned by the afternoon.

The fastest drink-drive case dealt with by the Virtual Court took place in just over two hours, from the charge to being disqualified.

The Virtual Court works by having the offender in an interview room set up in custody with a television in, which links live to the magistrates' court.



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Two-day operation snares fine-dodgers

NEARLY £7,000 in unpaid fines has been recovered by a joint operation between Kent Police and HM Courts Service.

The operation ran over two days, November 24 and 25, and saw 16 people arrested, nine surrender to the court and a further 11 make contact to deal with their fines. In total, 60 addresses were visited across Medway and £6,800 in fines recovered.

Sergeant Alex Bain, who was part of the operation, said: "It's important we work closely with the courts to make sure fines are paid.

"Some of these had built up over a long time and we want to send a message that fines will not be forgotten.

Disregard

"If money is owed, the police and courts have the power to make sure it is collected. Lack of payment shows a complete disregard for the courts."

Fine-dodgers were taken to Medway Magistrates' Court where a plan for payment was made.

Options open to magistrates include taking 17.5 per cent of an individual's wages until the fine is paid in full, attaching a payment to those on benefits of £5 a week, or the payment owed can be paid in full.

Julia Eeles, HM Courts Service area director, said: "Our message to dodgers is clear: pay up or face the consequences.

"We will do everything to trace those who do not pay. Money can be taken from an offender's earnings or benefits.

"Warrants can be issued instructing court agents to seize and sell goods belonging to offenders. Ultimately, an offender can be imprisoned for non-payment of their fine."

'City bid success can be jubilee's crowning glory'

BY DAN COLOMBINI

GAINING city status would "put Medway on the map" says council leader Rodney Chambers.

The Conservative councillor made the comment on Wednesday, last week, on the day the new city competition officially opened.

Constitutional reform minister Mark Harper encouraged towns across the country to enter the contest, with the winner being bestowed with the title in 2012, the year the Queen celebrates her diamond jubilee.

Medway will battle it out with the likes of Bolton, Reading, Milton Keynes and Croydon.

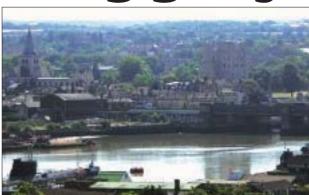
Cllr Chambers said the towns' bid would be hard to beat.

"We believe we have the strongest possible case," he said. "Medway has all the key city credentials. It has a population of 255,000, four universities, a cathedral, a Football League club, superb transport and trade links, a world-famous dockyard, a £6 billion programme of regeneration, rural areas and a great river setting.

ting.
"But it is not the buildings that make Medway, it is the people. "We are a city, in all but name. And it is the people of Medway – our strong, diverse, talented, vibrant community – who will champion our city credentials.

"The people are the driving force of Medway and they deserve the recognition this honour





MAPPED OUT: Cllr Rodney Chambers, left, believes a Queen's diamond jubilee year city status triumph would be perfect

would bestow. If we can gain city status during the Queen's diamond jubilee year this would allow us to fully market all this area has to offer.

"We believe that with the squeeze on the public sector purse and the downturn in grants from central government, gaining city status would present a golden opportunity to gain yet more investment from the private sector."

However, Yourmedway readers have voted overwhelmingly against the city status bid.

A poll on our website saw just 30 per cent of respondents register their support to the campaign. More than 1,000 readers said they did

not support the proposal.

Some attacked the bid as a waste of money, while others said they would support a separate campaign to have Rochester restored as a city.

Cillr Chambers responded to the criticism by saying: "There seem to be few arguments against Medway going for it.
"There is very little cost, but the benefits could

"There is very little cost, but the benefits could be enormous. Becoming a city will help us put Medway on the map.

"If we became a city in 2012 it would be the crowning glory of a great year of celebrations for



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QUESTION & ANSWER DR ALISON BARNETT



What is your role at the PCT?

am the director of public health for Medway, which is a shared role between NHS Medway and Medway Council. This means I have a wide range of responsibilities, including developing programmes to improve the health of local people, ensuring the NHS is prepared for public health emergencies such as pandemic flu, identifying which health services will make the most difference to the health of the people of Medway and are therefore priorities for development, and ensuring the delivery of our vaccination programmes and population screening programmes. Of course I don't do this on my own. I am supported by a public health team who work across the PCT and Medway Council as well as many colleagues in both organisations.

What is your background?

I qualified as a doctor at University College Hospital, London, and then trained as a GP. I decided to enter a career in public health medicine because it allowed me to follow my interests in preventative medicine and improving health services.

What is the best part of your role?

I like making a difference to people and the services they receive. This year we have

started some new public health services, including an exercise referral scheme, online help to give up smoking and student health services. There has been good uptake and positive feedback from users. We have also run A Better Medway, which encourages people to eat sensibly, get active, stop smoking, drink sensibly and manage stress. Seeing the enthusiasm for it has been really inspiring.

What is the worst aspect?

Not being able to do everything as quickly as I would like – but I have learnt to prioritise.

What measures have been put in place this winter for improving overall health in Medway?

A We are offering seasonal flu vaccination and pneumococcal vaccination to help protect people who are most at risk of complications from winter illnesses to stay well.

This year, the flu jab is being offered to pregnant women as well as people over 65 and people with serious long-term conditions such as heart disease and chronic bronchitis.

This is because it protects against swine flu, which is expecting to be the main virus circulating. During the pandemic pregnant women who caught swine flu were five to six times more likely to be admitted to hospital and intensive care than people who were not pregnant. I would urge everyone offered one of these vaccinations to make sure they have it.

■ How does the recent weather affect life at the PCT?

We have been putting into action the plans that we have developed with our partners in the NHS and Medway Council to deal with situations just like this. This involves monitoring how services are coping with the pressures that occur during heavy snow and ensuring we are able to prioritise resources to deal with the most urgent cases.

Due to the wonders of technology much of the PCTs role in this can be done away from the office so we don't need to put extra pressures on the 4x4 vehicles which are needed to transport clinical staff and patients.

What advice would you give to the public to keep healthy and warm?

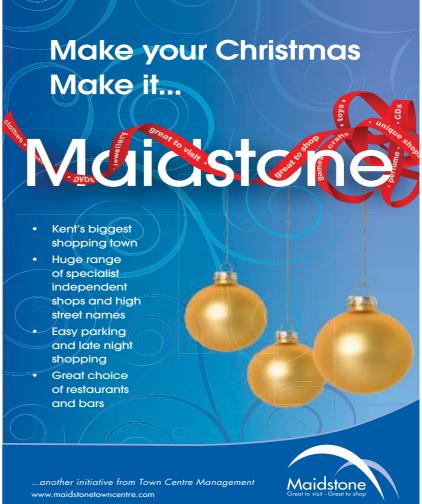
Playing in the snow can be great fun – and good exercise – but it is advisable that frail, older people and very young children stay at home in freezing weather, if they possibly can.

What do you think the future holds for healthcare in Medway?

Everybody will be aware of the financial pressures the public sector is facing and this applies to the health service too. More than ever we will need to ensure the services provided are based on evidence of what works best and are delivered efficiently. We also need to ensure we focus on prevention as it is more cost effective to prevent ill health than to treat it.

The director of public health for Medway tells **Dan Colombini** about preventative cures and vaccinations, the future of healthcare and the importance of keeping healthy and warm in the winter months





Trolley plummets from Pentagon roof

SHOPPERS in Chatham narrowly avoided serious injury last Tuesday after a shopping trolley plummeted from the roof of the Pentagon Centre.

Two parked cars were hit in the incident, causing significant damage, as the trolley fell from the top of the car park on Brook Road.

Detective Sergeant Simon Hollingsworth said: "This incident could have been extremely serious and it is fortunate that nobody was injured.

"We are currently investigating the circumstances of the incident and will be viewing CCTV in an attempt to establish how the trolley fell from the roof. I urge anyone who has information to contact officers on 01634 792415."

Lack of letters puts mail jobs at risk

ABOUT 400 jobs at the Royal Mail could be axed as four regional sorting offices move to a new flagship centre in Rochester.

The facility is expected to start operating in 2012 and will replace mail centres in Maidstone, Canterbury, Tonbridge and Dartford.

The Royal Mail said it hoped to avoid compulsory redundancies but Dave Banbury, from the Kent branch of the postal workers' union the CWU, has said the plans are bad for morale.

The company said it needed to change because of the reduction in the number of people sending letters because of a rise in other forms of communication such as

An 'overgrown eyesore' lands resident a fine

A HOMEOWNER has been fined after failing to clear lorry-loads of rubbish and out-of-control vegetation from his front and back gardens.

Colin Saunders agreed to tidy the Priory Road property following a visit from Medway Council's environmental enforcement team in June, 2008.

Neighbours had complained that the Gillingham home's front garden was an overgrown eyesore while the back garden was akin to a rubbish tip.

Saunders agreed to complete the clean-up within six weeks.

But the rubbish was still rotting away at the property in September, this year.

A notice was then served under section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 requiring the work to be done. The notice was not complied with leading

The notice was not complied with leading Medway Council to prosecute. Saunders, who said he inherited the home

Saunders, who said he inherited the home from his late mother, was subsequently charged with failure to comply with the clear-up notice.

BY SIMON ROBINSON

He was due before Medway Magistrates Court on Monday, November 15, but failed to attend.

Magistrates found the Sittingbourne man guilty in his absence, fined him £250 and ordered him to pay £150 in costs.

In a separate case heard on the same date Janice Wade, landlady of a property in Fallowfield, Chatham, and her tenant Tina McNab were each fined £250 and ordered to pay £150 in costs after being found guilty of failure to comply with a clear-up notice.

In June 2008 the council received a complaint about that address and on visiting the site found household rubbish littering the front garden with broken pieces from a wooden fence panel lying on the grass.

The officer spoke with McNab and agreed with her a time of 21 days to tidy up the garden. A land search showed the owner to be Janice Wade of Limetree Close, Chatham, who was also informed about the need to carry out work at her rented home.



'RUBBISH TIP': Colin Saunders was fined over failing to clear up the grounds of his property at Priory Road

The site was re-visited in August this year and notices were served but complaints continued with a further inspection finding rubbish, including used nappies, strewn all over the front garden

Medway Council's enforcement chief Mike O'Brien said: "The environmental enforcement team play a vital role for the people of Medway to ensure the area stays clean, safe and green. How an area looks plays a big part in that. "Untidy sites like this are a breeding ground

"Untidy sites like this are a breeding ground for vermin and disease and a target for dangerous rubbish such as syringe needles and glass.

"One of the council's targets is to reduce the fear of crime and improving how an area looks plays a vital role in achieving that."

To report untidy land or other environmental issues such as flytipping or dog fouling call Medway Council on 01634 333333 email customer.first@medway.gov.uk or visit www.medway.gov.uk/environment.





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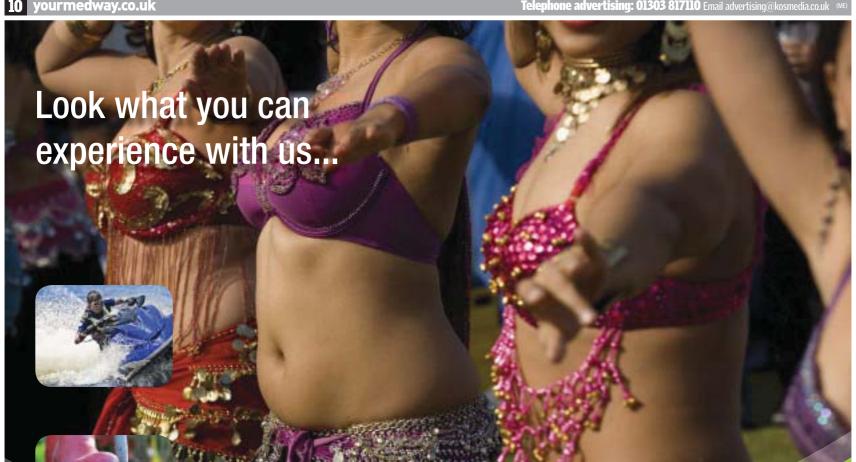
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World Cup tourism bonanza not to be

KENT has missed out on a tourism bonanza after England's failed bid to host the 2018 World Cup.

Despite an impressive final push including speeches by David Cameron, Prince William and David Beckham, football's world governing body Fifa decided it was Russia's turn to host the tournament.

And now Visit Kent – responsible for promoting the county to tourists – has been left to wonder what might have been.

"Our proximity to London would have given us a great opportunity to reap the benefits of an English World Cup, and that's why Fifa's decision is such a shame," said chief executive Sandra Matthews-Marsh.

"Visit Britain had already drawn up an action plan. And even if Holland and Belgium had won we could have used it to attract visitors to Kent. But there's no way with Russia. It's just too far away."

Sports minister Hugh Robertson – the MP for Faversham and Mid Kent – said he did not understand how England had lost the bid. Mr Robertson attended the announcement ceremony in Zurich, Switzerland, on Thursday, and

said the bid team had done everything in its power to secure the hosting rights.

He added: "The only possible explanation is the one given by [Fifa president] Sepp Blatter, which was wanting to take football to new frontiers. Our presentation was widely praised as being the best the executive committee received."

'SHAME': Kent tourism will now miss out on benefits fromWorld Cup

Vital services cut while £16.3m is spent on CCTV

CIVIL rights campaigners say Kent councils are "obsessed" with CCTV after spending a total of £16.3 million on the technology in just three years.

Pressure group Big Brother Watch has criticised the county's 15 district authorities — including the London boroughs of Bexley and Bromley — claiming the cash would be better spent protecting vital public services.

The total figure for Kent represents 5.1 per cent of the £314.8m spent by 336 councils throughout the UK on the installation and operation of CCTV.

Big Brother Watch campaign director Daniel Hamilton said: "I think £16.3m is a particularly large amount in light of the massive spending cuts we are experiencing. Councils are cutting services left, right and centre, so to spend that much on CCTV is really excessive.

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"The rise of CCTV cameras is a uniquely British obsession led by councils, and councils in Kent are very much part of that obsession."

According to figures released under the Freedom of Information Act, Bromley council has spent the most on CCTV since 2007, at £1.6m. Outside of London the highest-spending authority is Canterbury at £1.45m, closely followed by Thanet (£1.4m) and Medway (£1.2m). Gravesham has spent the least at £577,940.

"We have no problem with the effective use of CCTV cameras for the right kind of purposes," said Mr Hamilton. "In Kent we would actively BY **STEVE KNIGHT**

support it at the ports of Dover and Folkestone because they are very important from a national security point of view. People would rather see more police on the streets, but instead they are being caught on camera an average of 300 times a day, which is a massive invasion of privacy."

The council which spent the most in the UK at £10.5m was Birmingham, which came under fire last June for using more than 200 cameras in two Muslim areas of the city.

The Big Brother report – entitled The Price is Wrong – reveals there is about one councilowned CCTV camera for every 1,000 people in the country.

It also points out the Shetland Islands – with a population of just 22,000 – is home to more cameras than the entire San Francisco Police Department, which serves more than 1.2 million homes.

A Canterbury council spokesman criticised the Big Brother report as a "very shallow" comparison, adding that CCTV cameras provide year-round policing of town centres, help deal with alcohol-fuelled violence and identify people in need of help.

The spokesman added there had also been no effort to analyse the cost of the technology in terms of value for money

Last May, Archant KOS Media revealed how hundreds of covert operations had been carried out on unsuspecting members of the public by Kent councils using anti-terror laws.

They authorised more than 430 actions under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act in two years, but just 28 prosecutions were secured for offences including fly-tipping, graffiti and underage alcohol sales.

HIGH COST OF CCTV BROMLEY **CANTERBURY** £1.45m THANET £1.4m £1.22m TONBRIDGE & MALLING £1.19m SEVENOAKS £1.15m DOVFR £1.11m £1.03m SHEPWAY £1.01m **SWALE** £0.98m MAIDSTONE £0.98m **ASHFORD** £0.92m DARTFORD £0.88m TUNBRIDGE WELLS £0.73m GRAVESHAM £0.58m TOTAL £16.3m



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BREAK TIME



International stars

THREE youngsters from Rainham School for Girls are now England Internationals after competing in a Korfball tournament in Belgium.

Sisters Rhiannah and Ashley Vick were joined by fellow pupil, Ashley Warner for the competition that took place in Ghent. Korfball is similar to netball and bas-

ketball, and is common on the continent. Rachael and Rhiannah both represented the England Academy side with Ashley performing at Under 16 level.

Both sides competed well, with the Under 16s winning two of their three matches, only losing in the final few seconds. The Academy team also did themselves proud, winning one and losing two.

Despite their young ages, the girls already have plenty of Korfball experience under their belts.

Year 10 students Rachael and Ashley have both been playing the sport for eight years. Rhiannah, who is in Year 8, has been playing for seven years

The girls began playing in Year 6 at junior school and were invited along to Tornadoes korfball club based at Chatham Grammar School for Girls, where they train. Also at the club are three further Rainham girls, sixth former Amy Elliott and fellow Year 8 players Emily Barnden and Heather Dixey.

They now look forward to competing against Germany in March 2011 and the World Cup in Holland later next year.

Japanese students join our designers on the catwalk

BY DAN COLOMBINI

FASHION students from the University of Creative Arts teamed up with budding designers from Japan this month for an event in London's East End.

The 15th International Collection saw designers from UEDA College of Fashion (UCF) in Osaka showcase their work alongside counterparts from the university in Rochester.

The two sets of young fashionistas joined forces for the collaborative show which displayed the two cultures' eye-catching styles.

Thomass Atkinson, Acting Dean at UCA, said: "The 15th International Collection was a triumph for both universities. The work on the catwalk provided a vibrant fusion of ideas and a strong creative sense of direction.

"It's fantastic to work with an overseas institution such as UCF in this way as it not only provides an invaluable experience for both sets of students and staff but it also forges greater links for future academic partnerships

His sentiments were shared by UCF principal Michiko Mihara who was pleased to add London to the college's glamorous list of fashion show venues.

He said: "UCF has held fashion shows in Hong Kong, Seoul, New York, Rotterdam and Milan since our first International Collection in Paris in 1990.

"We were delighted to visit London this year as it is one of the world's leading creative capitals. We are certain that this event will provide opportunities for further international collaboration between UCF and UCA."





CREATIVE COLLABORATION: One of the outfits created by a UCF student. Designers from Osaka also took part

The collaboration was not just limited to fashion students. Ten short films to showcase each of the Japanese collections was made by those on UCA's film and video arts and animation arts courses at its Maidstone campus.

Third-year student Andrea Morris won the award for best film and will travel to Japan in January to visit UCF in person, courtesy of the Osaka-based university.

Andrea said: "This is a real once in a lifetime opportunity and I'm looking forward to the

"Just going to Japan will be an adventure in itself and I intend to take everything I can from it and enjoy every moment - I can't wait.

"I have always dreamed of being able to travel so I am going to try to take in everything that happens: the people, the place, the culture, the history, the food.

"I'm over the moon and so grateful to UCA and UCF for creating such a great event and making this trip possible."

Proceeds from the event went to AVERT, an

international HIV and AIDS charity.

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DAY & NIGHT

Join some mousey fun

A FESTIVE tale for children, The Mouse Who Saved Christmas, will be playing at the Brook Theatre, Chatham.

Ideal for young children, the play is a bite-size 50 minutes and features audience participation and multi-sensory sets.

Visit www.brookchristmas.com to book tickets which are £6.50 each.

Dance the night away

A WILD salsa party takes place at the Stanley Ballroom, St George Hotel, Chatham, on December 19.

Get your dancing shoes on to join in at the event, which has a 300 capacity. It lasts from 6pm to midnight.

Tickets are £17.50 if booked before December 16 or £20 on the door.

Visit www.salsawild.co.uk or call 07704 924925 to book.

Burn off all the treats

AN invororating walk to burn some Christmas calories takes place at Shorne Country Park on Boxing Day.

The walk runs from 11am to 1pm, and takes in four to five miles and a pub stop off. Booking is required on 01474 823 800. A fee of £3.50 is charged by the war-

dens guiding the walk.

Come and meet Santa

VISIT Santa Claus in his grotto at Nottcutts garden centre in Maidstone, from Monday to Friday, 2pm to 5pm, and Saturdays and Sundays, 11am to 5pm. For £7.99 children can meet him up

until December 24.

Each ticket includes a gift, but be sure to tell him what you want for Christmas. For more information please contact the Bearsted branch on 01622 739944

Festive fun for the kids

A SERIES of seasonal drama workshops for young people aged five to 14 will be held at Kings Theatre in Chatham.

Themes will include Hannah Montana, Star Wars, Harry Potter, Doctor Who and Peter Pan. They are held by Spotlites.

Visit at www.spotlites.co.uk, for full dates and times.

The workshops cost £5 each. Call 01634 403737 for more information.

Grab a unique present

THE Contemporary Art Craft and Design continues in Maidstone until Janary.

Being held at the Graham Clark Gallery in the Hazlitt Arts Centre in the town, the exhibition has all kinds of gifts from some of the area's top designers.

The exhibition could make an ideal stopping point on your rounds to collect some unique presents. It's open from 10am to 6pm daily, until January 1.

Concert for good cause

A CHARITY Christmas concert from Stargazers will feature performers Zoe Malloy, Matt Rees, Chris Wimhurst, and

many more, on Decemer 9.

It takes place at St Lukes Avenue, Maidstone, and will feature a variety of seasonal songs and entertainment in aid of the Cardiac Rick charity. Admission is £4 and the fun starts at 7.30pm.

There is nothing like a panto dame



JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

Various dates

The Orchard Theatre, Dartford

NIGEL Ellacott is a true panto professional in every sense of the word.

Not only does he write scripts for the institutional shows, he runs a website about them as well as stars in them every year. It's fair to say

A veteran of 37 pantomimes, it's hard to meet someone who personifies the role of dame like he does.

He said: "People call me a veteran but it's not fair, it makes me sound old, like the British Museum. Still I never get bored of it. This is what we do for a living and I'm lucky to be able to have so much fun each year. I always look forward to it."

Nigel will be Jack's mother in this year's big Christmas spectacular at The Orchard Theatre, Jack and the Beanstalk. He is treading the boards with TV star Bobby Davro, who plays Jack, the hero

of the show and also starring the Churchill dog, from the car insurance adverts.

"The rehearsals have gone really well and now we are just eager to get on stage and perform," he said.

"Pantomime for me is full of electricity and excitement. If you want to encapsulate the whole thing in a nutshell, you have to talk about energy and making the audience believe that what you're saying is the first time you have ever said it, even though it may be the 60th.

"You have to do that as it's what children expect and you cannot fool them, they pick up on it if you are not giving it your all. They soon know if you are not 100 per cent, children are very astute and often the toughest critics."

Nigel has a huge 14 outfit changes to complete during each show, more than he has ever had.

He said: "I seem to have many more outfits than last year, usually I only have nine of ten. They are fabulous creations though. The best one is the Lady GaGa-inspired one.

The role of Dame is seen as the role of the comic, but Nigel says it is usually a key role in most pantomimes.

He said: "As the Dame, you are often responsible for moving the plot on. That's the case in this one and I'm involved in most key parts.

"I don't tend to improvise much. I stick to the script and give it my all. I expect Bobby will be adding new material to the show, however."

This year's Orchard pantomime promises to have the largest beanstalk in Kent, and includes many different elements.

Nigel said: "There are certain circus ele-

ments to the show this time. That's been a joy to watch while we have been rehearsing and has interested me to watch it all take shape. You'll all have to come along and watch to see how it's incorporated, though. "I really do think this is one of, if not the best,

pantomime I've been in."

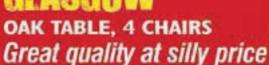
• Tickets to Jack and the Beanstalk cost £18 to £25.50 each. Call the Orchard box office on 01322 220000 to book or visit www.orchardtheatre.co.uk for full details



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Clare Teal and her exceptional band invite you to a fabulous 1950s themed cocktail party of sounds and songs, made famous by the likes of Peggy Lee, Doris Day, Bing Crosby, Nat King Cole and Ella Fitzgerald, all delivered with her inimitable style and

flair, plus a huge dollop of downto-earth charm.

This is one of the funniest and most entertaining Christmas

concerts you will find.
Grant Windsor will be playing piano, Simon Little is on bass, with Ben Reynolds on drums. Yorkshire-born Clare Teal is

one of the most successful female British jazz singers in decades with a string of albums behind her, including the UK national top 20 hit, Don't Talk.

The show starts at 8pm, doors open at 7pm. Tickets are £29 each. To book and for details, call 0845 6027017.



PUNKEM'S MIDWINTER REVELS

December 23, The Brook Theatre, Chatham

A JOYOUS, colourful, and highly entertaining celebration of winter festivities by five great live performers is the perfect way to get in the mood for Christmas.

Visually delightful and musically energising, Punkem's Midwinter Revels is a glorious mix of music, dance, song and pantomime that will appeal to audiences who like their entertainment full of life.

Known to festival-goers and historic music and dance fans throughout the UK and abroad, Paul Saunders has toured hundreds of venues. Joining him in

the revelry are: renowned piper Andy Letcher, Telling The Bees' frontman; Barbara Segal (dance and mime) and Bill Tuck. The latter are both founder members of the highly-regarded 18th century pantomime and musical theatre group Chalemie
They have toured extensively

throughout Europe, the Baltic States and Australia and in the early 2000s gave a memorable series of performances each Christmas in the Purcell Room under the title of The Dance & Drone Festival.

For more details, call the Brook Theatre on 01634 338300.

KENT LIFE NATIVITY

Sunday, December 19 Kent Life, Sandling, Maidstone



YOU can experience a living Nativity at Kent Life, when the attraction's farmyard animals will be on display during a journey through the grounds with Nativity scenes recreated.

The staff will be working with Evangelical Church to hold the session, which will include carol singing. All children are encouraged to dress up and participate in the National State of the Charles of the National State of the National State

pate in the Nativity. Especially needed are more angels, wise men, farmyard animals and guards.

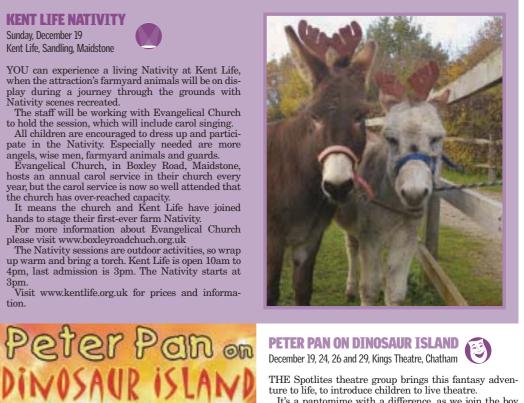
Evangelical Church, in Boxley Road, Maidstone, hosts an annual carol service in their church every year, but the carol service is now so well attended that the church has over-reached capacity. It means the church and Kent Life have joined

hands to stage their first-ever farm Nativity.

For more information about Evangelical Church please visit www.boxleyroadchuch.org.uk

The Nativity sessions are outdoor activities, so wrap up warm and bring a torch. Kent Life is open 10am to 4pm, last admission is 3pm. The Nativity starts at

3pm.
Visit www.kentlife.org.uk for prices and informa-



PETER PAN ON DINOSAUR ISLAND

December 19, 24, 26 and 29, Kings Theatre, Chatham



THE Spotlites theatre group brings this fantasy adventure to life, to introduce children to live theatre. It's a pantomime with a difference, as we join the boy

who never grows up, Peter Pan, and his nemesis, the dastardly pirate Captain Hook, after they are catapulted back through a time vortex to a prehistoric version of their home, NeverLand.

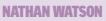
The pair will resume their epic battle, dodge dinosaurs like T-Rex and veloceraptors, and wonder how they will return to their own time.

The show is designed for children aged from five to 12,

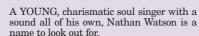
and the audience takes an integral part in this immersive interactive experience for children.

This year, the audience will be hunting pirates with the T-Rex, flying with Wendy and the pterodactyl to rescue dino eggs, bombarding Captain Hook with dinosaur droppings and ambushing pirates with real swords.

If it is your birthday, you could meet Peter Pan during the show. To book, call 01634 829468 or visit www.spotlites.co.uk. Tickets cost £6.50 for adults, £5.50 for children or £22 for a family ticket (two adults and two children or one adult and three children).



Friday, December 17, Pizza Express, Maidstone



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smooth voice led him to singing in the long To learn more about the artist and hear selected tracks, visit www.nathanwatson-

music.co.uk The gig starts at 8pm, but doors open at 7pm. Tickets are £15 a head. Visitwww.pizzaexpresslive.com/maidstone to book up before they sell out.





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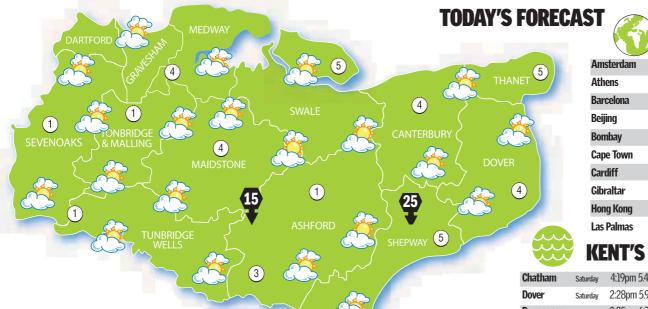
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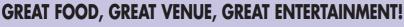
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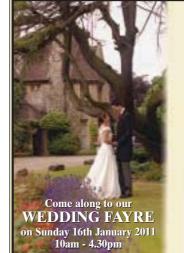
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Clever twist between good and evil but film fails to be distinctive

BY **DAMON SMITH**

SUPERMAN wouldn't be quite so super without scheming Lex Luthor, while Batman's cowl and utility belt would gather dust were it not for the maniacal Joker.

Good and evil live side by side, locked in a perpetual tug of war.

Light or dark occasionally triumphs but invariably the balance of power shifts between

Directed by Tom McGrath, who previously made Madagascar and its sequel, Megamind is a fast-paced computer animated adventure that asks if a villain could become a hero when the entire world is pitted against him.

The role reversal taps into a rich vein of humour and screenwriters Alan J Schoolcraft and Brent Simons have fun plundering the conventions of the genre.

They pepper the script with pop culture references, wry one-liners and visual gags like the No You Can't posters which the epony-mous villain plasters over the city in a sly dig at Barack Obama's election promises

There is also an affectionate nod to Marlon Brando's scenery-chewing portrayal of Superman's father Jor-El.

However, in a vintage year for dazzling, family-friendly animation led by Toy Story 3 and How To Train Your Dragon, McGrath's film lacks that special something to distinguish it from the crowd.

Megamind (voiced by Will Ferrell) is separated from his alien parents as a child and crash-lands on Earth, where he grows up in the Metro Prison For The Criminally Gifted.

Surrounded by thieves, murderers and degenerates, he discovers his calling.
"Being bad is the one thing I'm good at!" he

giggles, sowing the seeds of a lifelong rivalry with dashing hunk Metro Man (Brad Pitt), who gets all of the applause and the girls, including TV journalist Roxanne Ritchi (Tina Fey).

Miraculously, one of Megamind's elaborate



LIVELY AFFAIR: Megamind (above) battles it out with Metro Man (right) but will victory bring him happiness?

plans comes to fruition and Metro Man is destroyed, allowing the villain and his loyal henchman, Minion (David Cross), to take charge of Metro City. Unthinkably, the villain develops strong feel-

ings for Roxanne.

The one thing I do know: the bad guy never gets the girl," Minion reminds him.

"Maybe I don't want to be the bad guy," shockingly replies Megamind.

Perhaps Roxanne's snivelling cameraman (Jonah Hill) could provide a novel solution to the predicament.

Megamind is a lively affair and makes good

use of the 3D technology during the action sequences.

Vocal performances are strong and Ferrell tugs the heartstrings as the lead protagonist, who is tired of striking fear into everyone he

Tom McGrath's film appropriates elements from Shrek and The Incredibles and produces an entertaining hybrid that should have parents chuckling with glee.

However, with the focus on the unlikely romance and a noticeable absence of cute supporting characters, young audiences may be bored out of their not-so-mega minds.







FLASHBACK: Ian Hislop looks at the people who changed Victorian Britain in a new BBC history series on Monday nights



YOUR TV REVIEW THE AGE OF THE DO-GOODERS: BBC2, 9pm, Monday

BY **ED HILL**

NINETEENTH century history can be pretty boring particularly on the domestic front. All I can remember is the endless arguments that surrounded the repeal of the Corn Laws and I've forgotten what they were.

Despite this, Ian Hislop has chosen the leading figures in social change that happened during that time as the focus of his

In 'The Age of the Do-Gooders' (Monday BBC2 9pm) he puts the spotlight on men and women who looked at Victorian broken Britain and said, "Something must be done" and more importantly, "I am going to do it".

He has chosen men such as William Wilberforce, who successfully campaigned to have slavery abolished in the British Empire. Although his most famous achievement, he was also involved in setting up the RSPCA and other moral crusades

A reformed lad-about-town himself the programme revealed he had a vision one night of a decayed and decadent society.

Wilberforce vowed to change his ways and expected everyone else to do the same.

In fact satirists like Mr Hislop of the time, painted him as a bit of a spoilsport.

When the country was changing rapidly because of the industrial revolution these busybodies introduced changes that made Britain a modern society with a conscience.

Another revolutionary the programme focused on was Charles Trevelyan who battled to reform the civil service. His new exams meant people were appointed on merit and no longer in politicians' pockets.

In the area of social housing Octavia Hill became a leading figure. She bought up houses to rent to the poor. She was a strict landlady demanding homes be kept clean and were regularly inspected by her followers. She opposed cash hand-outs or anything that might create a dependency culture but essentially invented the field of social work.

Hislop intersperses the show with chats to commentators such as the Archbishop of Canterbury Dr Rowan Williams.

The series opened with him wearing a tall top hat making him appear like a cross between Bertie Bassett and Penfold from Dangermouse.

Although a worthy examination of his subjects' achievements it could have focused more on the character of his idols. The Private Eve editor is an interesting presenter but the programme was too full of him talking to camera. I would have liked to have heard more from the Do-Gooders themselves.

However, if you like your history presented in a straightforward manner, this programme gives these pioneers the recognition they deserve. Most of us take for granted their reforms which make life so much better for us today.

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Gig helps spread the festive cheer



WARMING: Cocos Lovers are something to look forward to this wintry December

BY SIMON ROBINSON

GOOD heavens I hate December.

Yes, I know it's the month that brings us Christmas (happy birthday Jesus), the festive spirit and goodwill to all men but, by and large, the four freezing weeks of December are a nightmare.

There's the weather to contend with, for a start.

At the first sign of snow the county grinds to a standstill, with the road and rail networks descending into total chaos. And while thousands of my fel-

low stricken commuters take a 'snow day' and go out sledging with their children I'm chained to my wi-fi laptop working from home. Thanks, technology.

Away from the Arctic weather, December brings us the thankless task of buying presents.

I, being a fairly typical man,

hate trawling around the shops at any time of the year, but December takes this hellish chal-

lenge to another level.
You spend hour upon agonising hour searching for that perfect gift while constantly being slowed down by the 10,000 other frantic left-it-to-the-last-minute shop-pers doing the same thing. Int-ernet shopping is not the answer, either. Unless you're happy with a delivery date of 'sometime between December and May 2011'.

However, the month does hold certain charms.

How better to stave off the winter chill than with a good film, a roaring fire, a thick blanket and a bottle of red? Even the most hardened 21st century Scrooges would have difficulty not being tempted.

And more adventurous revellers can look forward to an inspiring carol service or two.

The Farmhouse, Canterbury, is holding its own service on December 19, hosted by Smugglers Rec-

ords and their favourite artists.

A spokesman said: "Like any good smugglers tavern The Farmhouse will be filled with local ales and ciders, mulled wines and hot spiced cider. Bowls of warming winter stews and pies carried by

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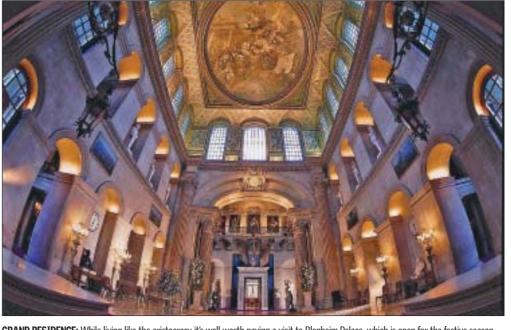
perform at Chambers, Folkestone

- Craig Sheridan: Times Change (from Deal) Don't Eat The Mic: Invaders Must Die (from Deal)
- Gristlefridge: Unbreakable (from Whitstable) Ron Bowdery: The Hooray Henries (New Eltham)
- Vivid Nation: What Will Be (from Canterbury)

wenches will keep the fires stoked as The Ladies of the Lake and The Smugglers Singers kick off the evening.

"As evening turns to dusk Sam Airey, Will Varley, The Momer-aths, The Turncoat and His Hellfire Orchestra, Tom Farrer & The Pharoahs and Cocos Lovers will carry us all away on a wave of good food, great beer and music to warm the winter cockles.'

December, for its flaws, may just win me over yet.



GRAND RESIDENCE: While living like the aristocracy it's well worth paying a visit to Blenheim Palace, which is open for the festive season



Find out how the other half live when you move house

BY SARAH O'MEARA

ON THE surface, my family's decision to spend a weekend in Eynsham was not too dramatic a change

Our family home is also in a medieval town represented by a Conservative MP (though not, as in Eynsham's case, David Cameron), near a university city (Cambridge rather than Oxford), and has the odd stately home on its doorstep, although rather smaller than Eynsham's Blenheim Palace.

The reason for our move was the prospect of spending time in a grand period home, rather than our detached, modern house.

On our first day Oxfordshire, we trampled through the fields behind Eynsham town, coming across country pile after country pile. But as the temporary owners of a local Georgian town-house (vivat-trust.org), we felt noth-ing but neighbourly good cheer for these lucky folk.

And while the sound of military planes roaring overhead from RAF Brize Norton did occasionally threaten to drown out conversation, no level of noise could smother the happy sound of six people talking about their move, albeit temporary, up the social ladder.

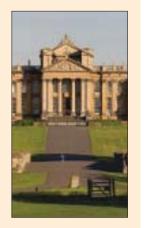
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Trust owns 10 - and manages the rest for private owners.

Mulberry House is one of its newest properties, sleeping seven. It was the home of a single lady whose son kindly passed management of the home to the charity.

You can still feel the edifying, gentle presence of the former owner in every room, decorated as the Grade II-listed building is with drawings of flowers, landscapes, framed tapes-tries, colourful pottery – and plenty of elegant, cultural books.

After a few days of general pottering, it was time for a proper group trip. Blenheim Palace, home to the 11th Duke and Duchess of Marlborough and birthplace of Winston Churchill, is a few minutes' drive from Eynsham and has just opened

for its festive season. Built to celebrate the first Duke of Marlborough's victory at the battle of Blindheim in 1704, the scale of grandeur reflects some of the more racy moments of its social history.

After a day spent dreaming of living lives as unhappy, yet well furnished, aristocrats, we left the estate and headed to the nearby village of Kingston Bagpuize, affectionately called Bagpuss by locals, in search of the country house restaurant Fallowfields (www.fallowfields.com).

Post-suffocating luxury, it was a pleasure to be welcomed into a more modern environment.

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MOTORS NEWS



VW's coupés given the BlueMotion makeover

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That's the message from VW after unveiling environmentally-friendlier BlueMotion Technology Scirocco and Passat CC four-door coupes.

And while early BlueMotion efforts did compromise the driving experience, we won't dispute that keen drivers are unlikely to feel any great loss in that area.

Scirocco BlueMotion prices start from £21,500, while the Passat CC versions start from £23,555, including Stop/Start.



New-look Corsa ready to keep sales growing

VAUXHALL has revamped the Corsa supermini (from £9,995) to maintain the model's position within the UK top five for sales.

for sales.

With looks gained looks from the Insignia, Astra and Meriva, it highlights Vauxhall's bid to move upmarket, away from a sector likely to become more cutthroat as buyers tighten their belts.

The front end has been radically and stylishly updated and includes the 'Eagle-Eye' headlamps seen on the recently launched Meriva



Ibiza gets a lively boost of junior turbo power

IT WAS a marriage made in motoring heaven — the VW group's lively turbocharged 1.2-litre petrol engine and the Ibiza supermini produced by its sporty Spanish marque, Seat.

The new 1.2 TSI unit is available with five-speed manual gearbox or VW's auto or manual seven-speed DSG box with double clutch, with prices from £12,780.

It engine replaces the similar output 1.6-litre engine, while delivering better performance; a 25 per cent rise in average mpg and a 20 per cent cut in emissions.



WIND-IN-THE-HAIR: Despite first appearances Renault's new-look folding hardtop the Wind, derived from their baby hatchback Twingo, offers an excellent driving experience

Renault blows hot and cold with its new Wind

HERE'S a great idea – a compact, affordable roadster with a secure folding hardtop and a name suggesting wind-in-the-hair motoring.

Except that 'Wind' can suggest other things and Renault's chunky version of a recipe already well-served by the Vauxhall Tigra does appear to be battling constipation.

Press the button to open the clever targa roof and it could look like you were letting the wind out rather than in.

Nevertheless, the Wind lives up to the intended interpretation of its name when you simply enjoy the drive.

The car is a spin-off from Renault's Twingo baby hatchback, with the choice of a mad little 99bhp turbocharged 1.2-litre or the 133bhp 1.6-litre unblown unit of our test car. There isn't much in it performance-wise – save your cash and go for the turbo.

What comes as standard is on-road poise and agility, although this car will be bought for posing, despite the good work done on the driving experience. The steering is direct and the sporty front-driven chassis tenacious, yet it is

ROAD TEST RENAULT WIND

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Green rating	****

surprisingly comfortable and good at handling the bumps and thumps of roads still scarred by the winter of 2009/10.

Even with the roof folded, the boot is large for this class and I can imagine Renault sticking batteries in the back for a future electric Wind – would anyone bet against ads featuring wind turbines?

The cabin is fairly short of stowage though,

The cabin is fairly short of stowage though, with minimal door pockets, so the most likely buyer must stash her handbag behind one of the seats if she is carrying a passenger.

And she won't like the exterior door handles either; I have it on good authority that these will play merry hell with the manicure.

Our flagship Collection model had the leather and heated seats pack (£950) and sporty touches such as alloy pedals, leather-clad wheel and gearshift, and a red visor crowning the clocks and gauges in the binnacle.

The quality of the cabin materials generally though is average for a car priced from £15,500, too close to the street cred and extra two seats of the BMW Mini Convertible and the classic two-seater style of the Mazda MX-5 – a proper grown-up roadster, which also has the option of a folding hardtop.







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05 55 Volvo V50 2.4 SE Semi-Auto Est, I owner, 59k mls, FDSH, AC, Cruise, ABS, PAS, RCL, immob, htd seats, SIPS, EW, ESR, CD, leather, alloys, Met Blue



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07 57	Mazda 6 TS 2.0D 143 BHP, I owner, 96,000 miles, AC, ABS, PAS, RCL, Immob, EW, EM, CD, Alloys, Met Silver
07 57	Renault Clio 1.2 S Dynamique 16v Turbo 3dr, 1 owner, 62k, FSH, ABS, PAS, A/C, E/W, CD, Alloys in Met Blue £4,995
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06 56	Mercedes Vito 109 2.2 CDi Compact SWB, 6sp, 2 Owneras, 64,000 miles, FSH, ABS, PAS, ASR, RCL, Immob, EW, CD, Twin
00 30	Side Loading Drs, White
07.07	Ford Transit 100 2.4 TDCi T350 LWB, I owner, 113k, FSH, ABS, PAS, R/C/L, Immob, CD, Met Silver
07 07	Mercedes Vito 2.2 CDi 109 LWB, 1 seater, 6sp, 1 Owner, 117,000 miles, FSH, ABS, PAS, RCL, Immob, CD, Ply Lined,
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Immob, SIPS, EW, CD, Alloys, Met Silver



07 57 Ford Focus 1.8 TDCi Style 5dr I Owner, 47,000 miles, FSH, AC, ABS, PAS, RCL, Immob. Computer, CD, Met Blue



05 55 Ford Mondeo 3.0 V6 Titanium 6sp, 2 owners, 36,000 miles, FSH, AC, ABS, PAS, Cruise, RCL, Immob, EW, Auto Lights, Htd Seats, CD, Leather, Alloys, In Platinum



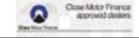
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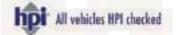
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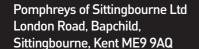


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56YR old female, 5ft 6ins, GSOH, N/S, likes socialising, cards, dancing, racket ball, seeks male, 50-65. Maidstone. **Tel** No: **0906** 515 7112 **Box** No: **353773**

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42YR old female, likes music dancing, writing, astrology, cats seeks male with GSOH and similar age. Medway. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351577

DEBBIE mid 50's, attractive, likes dancing, music, cinema, theatre, seeks male for companionship. Maidstone. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351419 🖰

OUTGOING 44, bubbly, brunette likes to keep fit seeks outgoing sporty male who knows how to enjoy life too. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347341

BLACK female, likes meals out theatre, seeks solvent white male, 30-47 for genuine relationship. Ashford. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382910

DENISE young 50, likes cuddles, nights in/out, seeks male, 37-47 for LTR. Erith. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382864

41YR old lady, young at heart, blue eyes, long dark hair, seeks fun loving guy with GSOH. Tel No: 0906

5F1 2/ns female, dark hair, medium build, late 40's, GSCH, likes cinema, walks, family life, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350381 ☐

ATTRACTIVE outgoing 64yr old lady seeks genuine, retired, sol-coast, Chinese food, seeks male African lady, 30's, likes travel, vent, professional male for friend-ship. Kent. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 342451

ATTRACTIVE slim, easygoing, coast, Chinese food, seeks male African lady, 30's, likes travel, for companionship, maybe more. nights in, seeks genuine, solvent with the No: 3648 for no strings Box No: 351929

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BEAUTIFUL slim, Oriental babe, CLARE 35, caring, outgoing, bub22, seeks older, generous guy 65
plus who knows how to pamper. for friendship/relationship. Tel No: honest, loving, caring, 68, N/S, non London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 35031 Box No: 348545

ADORABLE beauty, curry, caring, down to earth, trained lawyer, 1512 Box No: 347305 B

KAREN 34, sexy leggy brunette who knows there's more to life than just work! WLTM confident professional male for time off meets in London and fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 342525 🗒

CLARE 31, likes swimming, gym, socialising, meals out, sightseeing, seeks male. Ramsgate. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353243 🗒

FIT ladv. 65. thinks she's 40. N/S. loves life, seeks genuine gent, 60-70 N/S for happy loving, exciting times. Gravesend. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353111

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POLITE bubbly female, GSOH, likes nights in and socialising. Dartford. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112**

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LINDA larger lady 61, seeks male

Men Seeking

down to earth, trained lawyer, seeks good man for friendship, companionship, maybe more. London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351337

build male, mid 30's, seeks mature, older female for fun and passionate evenings in this cold weather. London/Herts. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 354877

MATCH for a Leo. Tall blonce, early 60's, varied interests, likes music, travel, seeks N/S, caring male with GSOH. Ramsgate. Tel down to earth, seeks nice, sexy No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: female. London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 354841

5FT 10ins male, stocky, GSOH, seeks large female, 20-34 for relationship. London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 354809 € for love and relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381748

42YR old stunning blonde nurse looking to share a bottle of good SIMON tall, well built, good lookwine, relax and whatever follows ing, fun, seeks female. Kent. Tel with a tall professional male. Looks No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 383150 \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 383150 \$\frac{1}{2}\$ SINOLE prefered and large professional male.

a7YR old attractive, happy go lucky blonde with great curves seeks lively older male to share the fun side of life with Looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347345

SINGLE professional Indian male, NS, attractive, 5ft 7ins, medium build, taltood, petite, affectionate, likes medium build, taltood, petite, affectionate, likes medium build, taltood, eseks white female for relaminations with the modium build, taltood, eseks white female for relaminations with the modium build, taltood, eseks white female for relaminations with the modium build, taltood, eseks white female for relaminations with the modium build, taltood, petite, affectionate, likes modium build, taltood, eseks white female for relaminations with the modium build, taltood, eseks white female for relaminations with the modium build, taltood, eseks white female for relaminations with the modium build, taltood, eseks white female for relaminations with the modium build, taltood, eseks white female for relaminations with the modium build attractive, 5ft 7ins, medium build, vegetarian, 50, young out look, seeks white female for relaminations with the modium build attractive, 5ft 7ins, medium build, vegetarian, 50, young out look, seeks white female for relaminations with the modium build, taltood, and the modium build, taltood, seeks white female for relaminations with the modium build, taltood, seeks white female for relaminations with the modium build, taltood, and the modium build, taltood,

ATTRACTIVE male, 42, OHAC,
likes good things in life, seeks

YOUNG 52yr old attractive, slim
brunette, N/S, easygoing, enjoys
most things, seeks N/S genuine
lef of LTR. Tel No: 0906 515

7112 Box No: 340787

ATTRACTIVE male, 42, OHAC,
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SOLVENT slim male, 5ft 10ins, fols, WLTM similar relaxed lady, Hampshire/Surrey. Tel No: 0906 515

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ATTRACTIVE blond, blue eyed male, 47, HIV positive, genuine, MICHAEL 5ft 10ins, medium build, sincere, GSOH, OHAC, seeks seeks sincere female with a bit of TALL white guy, brown hair/eyes, MICHELLE 39, blue eyed blonde 0906 515 7112 Box No: 340701

bombshell, beautiful curves JANE 40's, beautiful slim blonde with blue eyes, friendly and eager to please searching for fun and romance with tall, attractive, slim man. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 341319 🗒

VOUNG looking 60yr old guy, 5ft understanding black/Asian female, so ut, seeks slim-medium build female for friendship only. Crawley. Tel No: 996 515 7112 Box No: 354713 Box No: 354713 Box No: 354813 JOHN 5ft 9ins, black hair, good looking, seeks female, Canterbury. Tel No: 9906 515 7112 Box No: MALE seeks female for serious 352973 Statford. Tel No: 9906 515 7112 Box No: 354095 No: 354095 No: MARK 44, quiet, likes walks, cinema, meals out, seeks female, 35-354713 No: 354095 No: 35413 No: 354

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female, 28-37 for friendship, maybe more. Ashford. **Tel No:** 0906 515 7112 Box No: 354539

Sins, young at heart, GSOH, N/S, likes 60's music, likes keep fit, music, boot sales, seeks gent for friendship and outings. Tel No:

ANNA 62, seeks guy, 59-65 with friendship and outings. Tel No: an interest in the simple things in 9006 515 7112 Box No: 342195 Box No: 346707

NATALIA attractive brunette. 62YR old female, 5ft dins, blonde files walks, keep fit, danding, seeks sincere, N/S, soldening, cooking, seeks male, 59-85. Tel No. 1996 515 7112 Box No: 346705 \$\frac{1}{3}\$

LATE 60's female, widow, slim, 5ft

CONFIDENT blue eyed babe, 23, Stunning figure, seeks older male cubbly female, 49, lovely 38 just wants to make someone to enjoy fun times only. Looks/sta-personality, many interests WLTM happy seeks similar kind male for a tus unimportant. Tel No; 0906 515 friendship first. Tel No; 0906 515 515 7112 Box No; 334342 9

SEDUCTIVE saucy lady 39, curvacoeus and fun, seeks happy go to enjoy exciting adventures and lucky male for lots of fun and atteration. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 344177

JANE 25, fun flirty brunette, loves forball/bowling seeks bubbly guy to enjoy exciting adventures and lucky male for lots of fun and atteration. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 3440249

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KAY 41, saucy redhead with fabulous curves, loves rock music, looking for smart tall dark guy to pamper and be looked after in return. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 341315 \$\frac{1}{2}\$ GILL statuesque beauty, tactile, sun loving brunette, seeks very tall, well built male who's looking for an extern tall dark guy to pamper and be looked after in return. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 340253 \$\frac{1}{2}\$

52YR old businessman seeks WHITE male, 52, likes cinema, female to share good and bad holidays, weekends away, seeks NICE guy 52, average build, seeks times. Herne Bay. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 354891 plus for serious relationship.

YOUNG good looking, medium build male mid 30's seeks No: 354543 ### Box No: 353355

and friendship. Croydon. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 354465 🖺

meals out, theatre, seeks female, 30's for fun and friendship, maybe more. Greenhithe. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 354403 🖺

MALE likes most things, lonely, seeks caring female to put the sparkle back into life. Canterbury.

blond, blue eyed male, HIV posi-tive, extremely genuine, sincere, GSOH, OHAC, seeks warm, sincere, Oriental/Black/Asian female. Essex. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353693 BARRY 47, 6ft, well built, seeks

ATTRACTIVE

MICHAEL likes dancing, music, socialising, outdoor life, history, pubs, meals out, seeks female for friendship and romance. Canterbury. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353545

RAMSGATE male, 5ft 5ins, young 60's, caring, likes travel, country-side, seeks slim-medium build, attractive soul mate for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353529

SINGLE male, 34, seeks female for fun times, maybe more, 25-40 Surrey. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382850 €

CURVES quest! Tall, slim, artist chap, seeks buxom, voluptuous later for movie going and popcorn lunching. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 354331

PROFESSIONAL male N/S moderate drinker, seeks black/Oriental female, 35-43 for LTR, London, Tel RAY 64, retired, honest, easygo-No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383058

MARK 45, single male, likes cinema, music, seeks female with similar interests. Gillingham. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383044 🗒

6FT 2ins black guy seeks female for no strings fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383028

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Sincere, aughtiness. Reigate. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 353363 67 7112 Box No: sonality for friendship, maybe more. London. Tel No: 0906 515

young female to wine and dine. Gilligham. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353231 🖺

KIND gentleman, well presented, sociable and loving, seeks a genuine lady, for pleasant company, who enjoys fun days out and nice meals in. All calls answered. Ashford area. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351717

27YR old male, 6ft 1ins, fun, outgoing, likes nights in/out, GSOH, seeks likeminded female for friendship/relationship. Medway. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382998

PAUL 48, 5ft 8ins, medium build

HANDSOME good looking male,

LOVING male pillion 40, seeks similar genuine, loving biker lady TONY 36, likes travel, seeks honfor rides out and loving, genuine est female, 24-35 for fun, friendfuture. Kent. Tel No: 0906 515 ship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382950

NEIL 6ft 2ins, 46, easygoing, loving, honest, romantic, seeks similar female, any age and looks. Ashford. Tel No: 0906 515 7112

ing, likes outdoor life, seeks female, 60-65 with similar interests for friendship/LTR. Sevenoaks. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353739

MICHAEL 44. 5ft 10ins, medium build, seeks naughty female for fun and lots more. Reigate. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 354133

HANDSOME male, 38, fit, tall seeks slim female, 18-29 for last ing, caring relationship. Single mum welcome. Orpington. Tel No:

with varied interests. S London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353017

JOHN 5ft 9ins, black hair, good

likes music, films, seeks attractive, genuine female, 30-40 to share enjoyable times, maybe more. London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352401

MALE youthful 60's, slim, N/S, mild OCD, likes most things, seeks similar, attractive, petite, kind, genuine female for LTR. East Grinstead. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352367

LONELY male, 69, seeks female 18-50, no timewasters. Merryworth. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382572**

RUGGED good looking, dark haired male, young looking 50, fit, charismatic, intellectual, charming, seeks slim, petite female for LTR. Dulwich. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352999 🗒

HANDSOME good looking male.

Lactile, seeks female for fun times.

Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: black lady for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: No: 382634 8

Gay Seeking

ATTRACTIVE non scene gay hunk, late 20's, seeks older, sol-vent gent, 65 plus for mutual fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box

TALL white, good looking guy, London, non scene, straight acting, 29, seeks older, retired gent, 65 plus. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348543

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It's not the time for delusions of grandeur

At last Thursday's meeting of Medway Council, an alliance of senior Conservatie and Labour councillors decided to waste money on a half-hearted bid asking the Queen to make Medway a city.

I am not against Medway Council eventually becoming a city, but the time is not now. We have far too much of our towns in a state of half-completion or disrepair.

The Rochester Riverside development is now on the back burner with the recession. In Strood, large numbers of shops are empty and iconic buildings have recently been destroyed, and in Gillingham key projects, such as rebuilding the area around the station, are delayed.

I am pleased that the council is looking for sponsors so that it may cost the local taxpayers less, but this project would be better left for another time, when we can do it properly rather than trying to be grand on an austerity budget.

This will be when the regeneration of the towns is complete and we have won World Heritage Status for the Dockyard and Great

Councillor Herby Crack

• "The people are the driving force of Medway." Really? Then why doesn't this minority band of council brothers listen to us and take note when we say No To Medway City!

All petitions raised against city status have been deliberately ignored, in favour of the council's own self-awarded pat on the back propaganda.

Instead of wasting tax-payers' money on another failing bid for Medway City status, get our City of Rochester back for us! Please

Judy Miller

• I wonder if Councillor Chambers has been using the "super transport links" he states. This man is on another planet. Medway Council cannot even do what it is supposed to do now, let alone if Medway

becomes a city.

This council has destroyed all that is good about Medway in the past year, in the name of "regeneration" or, as I call it, degeneration.

• They did acknowledge last week that the people of Medway were not behind them. They also failed to answer questions about the bid in the "Chamber of Secrets".

They deserve all they get... Peter Cook

yourblogger

Malcolm Triggs is old enough to know better, but believes Facebook is a very good thing



FUNNY thing, Facebook.

As a father I see the wasted teenage time, lament the awful grammar and poor spellings it inspires and despair of many of those jokey 'Like' groups that are only occasionally funny – although I confess to chuckling at "The awkward moment in McDonald's when an emo orders a Happy Meal".

We've all heard the one about the man sitting on his own in the pub with a laptop that 'pings' as a new message arrives. "Yay, I've got 23 friends," he shouts, only to be asked why, in that case, is he sitting on his own.

Too many people post too much drivel (or worse), too many schoolchildren are on Facebook when they should be doing homework, and all of us should have more self-control when it comes to the F word

But - and here I feel like the new boy at an AA meeting - I love it. "My name is Malcolm, I am 52 and I love Facebook." A weight has just lifted from my shoulders. Now I can start to rebuild my life.

Facebook allows me to see what friends and family have been doing, share pictures, get involved in lengthy debates and have a chuckle at status updates.

All good stuff - but not that important. So try this. Last year I set up a Facebook page dedicated to the aircrew who defended this country in 1940. It is called "Remembering the Few - The 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain, 2010" and it now has 11,853 Fans'.

The page is part of a campaign to raise awareness of the Battle of Britain Memorial Trust, working hard to

raise funds to build an education centre at Capel.

The other week, one of the Fans asked me, as page admin, to reveal who I was because "My dad wants to thank you for setting up this page". When I made contact she told me her father was Charles (Tich) Palliser DFC AE, who flew with 43 and 249 Squadrons in the

Now 91 and living in Australia, Tich Palliser, wartime hero, asked his daughter Gill to sign him up to Facebook so he could feel part of the anniversary commemorations for what he and his mates had done.

He was "absolutely thrilled" to find so many people who still cared about the veterans.

This week, Gill posted another message pointing out that she had now (thanks to Facebook) managed to trace the son of Tich's best friend from 249 Squadron. "This is so wonderful for my dad," she told the world.

So, yes, Facebook has its faults, but even if making Tich Palliser feel valued and helping him find the family of one of his long-lost friends is the only good thing it ever does, it will have been worth all the "LOL JKS" in Christendom. But there is, of course, one more thing it can do. It can inspire you, gentle reader, to visit www.battleofbritainmemorial.org and contribute to the appeal that will help future generations continue to remember Tich and his colleagues

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Pub right to ban unwelcome group

O'Connells pub has on its website "Families are welcome, bigots and racists are not". They also do a great amount of charity work, and are community-driven.

Why on earth did this organisation, the English Defence League, try and book a room at this pub?

John Robinson

 The licensee is entitled to hire his/her function room to whoever they want to or don't want to.

What has it got to do with democ-

racy?
Why can't the EDL be honest about who they are when booking it in the first place?

No wonder they had the booking cancelled, they can't be trusted to tell the truth from the off.

Steve Waxylemon

 \bullet Seems to me the far right EDL is using exactly the same tactics as

the BNP, NF and Mosley's Blackshirts did before them.

They are using fake names to book rooms, courting controversy and desperately trying to discredit any who might oppose their hatred.

I expect they will go the same way as those who tried these underhand tactics before them -

Cutting EMA lifeline will damage UK plc

In the entire furore about increases in university tuition fees, the abolition of Education Maintenance Allowance has got far less coverage, and yet it matters just as much and there are a lot of recipients here in Medway.

There are 3,500 students aged 16-18 in Medway who get the grant just now, but unless the government changes its mind they will be

The money goes to encourage students from less well-off families to stay on in school and college, rather than leave with low level skills and take whatever job they can get.

And it works: Mid Kent College in Gillingham says 60 per cent of their students get and need the EMA.

It is the same in many of our secondary schools, where EMA is a serious motivator to students in the last two years of school.

Heavens knows how British industry will ever reclaim world status if we can't get youngsters

into college to study as bricklayers hairdressers and mechanics.

Maybe this government thinks they should all hitch-hike to college or get jobs as bankers.

Derek Munton By email

How can commuters afford these fares?

How on earth are people who have not had any pay rise for two years going to pay for this scandalous increase in rail fare?

Southeastern is a monopoly in terms of providing a rail service into London from Kent, and for it to be allowed to get away with this daylight robbery is a stain on this government's already blemished record.

Not only has Southeastern been allowed to get away with this, but it has refused to listen to customer complaints about the deteriorating services from its customers across Kent.

The only consistent reason Southeastern gives us about these complaints is that the Department for Transport is responsible for setting the terms of the contract, which Southeastern operates

Well, if that is the case, why not simply allow the Government to run these services without the need for a train operating company?

If SER is so weak that it refuses to challenge the DfT, based on the levels of complaints from customers, what are they there for? Does Southeastern give the image of a sleek, profitable, racehorse of a company providing consistently high services for their customers?

Sadly not, it is more like a threelegged jackass of a company, constantly badgering the government for bailout funds caused by a deteriorating service for its customers.

I was asked by a work colleague recently about living in Kent and working in London, as they wanted to move their family to Ramsgate.

I urged them to not move here, as the rail services make a Kent-based home impossible to plan any sort of work-life balance.

They are now looking in Essex for a home, and good luck to them.

If this pattern of referral about Kent continues, we shall see people's property affected in a negative way, which in turn will lead to people moving away from the county for a better commute into London.

I would move, but my family is settled where we are and I will not move my children from the schools

However, I have read about people moving out of Kent due to the poor and expensive rail services.

I'd like to ask that the government and SER bear in mind the fact that they are blighting this county with a poor reputation as a direct result of the shocking rail services, and as a result, people will not move here.

John Nicholson **Alliance of Kent Commuters**

Companies working the transfer system

I was pleased the Government has announced plans to reduce by 2015 immigration from non-EU countries to tens of thousands, rather than the hundreds of thousands it was under the previous government.

However, I was disappointed that intra-company transfers were excluded from the immigration cap that Home Secretary Theresa May announced, which is why I asked my question.

The abuse of the intra-company transfer system by some IT companies is a scandal that has been going on for some time and was brought to my notice by a constituent who was himself made redundant when he was replaced by a foreign worker.

He has been unable to find another IT job since.

I was waiting to raise the matter and the Home Secretary's statement was my opportunity.

I will continue to press the Government to crack down on companies which abuse the system and ensure British businesses do employ qualified British workers when they are available.

Gordon Henderson MP (Con), Sittingbourne and Sheppey

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PROPERTY NEWS

Market is still under pressure as sales fall

HM REVENUE & Customs has revealed a slump in the number of homes sold in October in the UK.

According to its figures, 79,000 homes valued at least £40,000 or more were sold in the month, a fall of 11 per cent on an annual basis.

However, the figure was 1,000 higher than that for September.

The ongoing lack of mortgage avail-

The ongoing lack of mortgage availability and economic uncertainty continues to put pressure on the housing market, say analysts.

Recently the British Bankers' Association revealed a further fall in the number of new mortgages approved by the major banks in October.

According to the BBA, the number of new mortgages approved in the month fell to 30,766, down from 31,058 in September – representing the lowest level since March 2009 – when the country was in the midst of its worst recession in decades.

The figures have confounded analysts' expectations of a rise to 31,300 and continue to suggest that the mortgage market will remain subdued over the coming months.

The Council of Mortgage Lenders and the Bank of England have both reported falls in mortgage lending over recent months.

Lack of rentals homes will lead to price hikes

THE average price of renting a home in Britain is "definitely" set to increase in the short term and could continually rise over the next two years, the property website LettingZone has said.

Mark Garner, founder and director of the group, says that many tenants are choosing to stay in their existing homes in a bid to save money. As a result, fewer properties are coming on to the market.

"Rents are definitely on the way up purely because of the lack of supply," he said.

"There are no new properties coming on the market, so supply and demand [means] rent prices will go up. They won't race away, but they will go up a few per cent definitely."

Mr Garner's comments follow a Rightmove report, which found that 41.7 per cent of British tenants expect rental prices to rise in the coming year.

He went on to say that changes to local housing allowance in 2011 could result in further rental price increases, due to the intensifying "pressure" placed on the private rented sector.



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Father Christmas puts his house up for sale

BY NICK AMES

EVERYONE across the country will be hoping that even though Father Christmas has put his house up for sale, he is still going to make Christmas happen.

One of the country's leading Santas has put his home on the market as the festive season draws close.

Geoff Loynes is the owner of Cross Cottage in Bilsington, near Ashford.

He has had an interesting career before that, too – working as an animator on some of the world's best-known cartoons.

Over 50 years, Geoff worked on Yellow Submarine, Watership Down, The Wind In The Willows, the BBC's Beatrix Potter series and When The Wind Blows.

During his career he met Walt Disney after his father worked at Disney's UK studios, The Beatles and the Jacksons, having worked on The Jackson 5 series.

He also has a wide experience of extras work in the film industry, having been involved with Mr Bean, Harry Enfield, Silent Witness, The Bill and EastEnders.

But his other festive career began when wife Daphne volunteered him many years ago to do a local Father Christmas gig for the playschool in Woodchurch.

Ever since, Geoff has done hundreds of Father Christmas bookings and is one of the UK's top Father Christmases.

He has been the man in the red suit at Jose Carreras's birthday party, the official Santa for the Comet Christmas TV campaign – including having his lifesize cut-out appear in all their stores. The Loynes had one in their bedroom for years until Daphne put her foot down.

Geoff has also made numerous other appearances, such as being the regular Santa for the



FOR SALE: Geoff Loynes, one of the country's leading Santas, is selling his cottage home in Bilsington near Ashford

lights-switch-on party for Marylebone high street in London.

The Loynes lent their creative and artistic flair to the refurbishment of a former estate cottage in Bilsington.

There is an array of reclaimed architectural salvage, from carved fretwork and beautiful stained glass to elaborate cast-iron sanitary

ware and old enamel signs.

Many of these old things will be remaining with the cottage once it is sold.

One of the bedrooms, currently used as a study, contains lots of cartoon and film paraphernalia, too, including some of Geoff's original artworks.

"It's just time to move on," said Geoff.

Charity slams Government housing reform

HOUSING minister Grant Shapps has announced plans for "the most radical reform of social housing in a generation".

Once the changes come into practice, councils will be given decision-making powers over tenancy arrangements. The length of a tenancy will be individually determined, with a minimum duration of two years, in contrast to the lifetime tenancies currently given to all tenants.

Mr Shapps argues that this will free up social-housing space for those who really need it and reduce waiting lists.

However, this has been criticised by Campbell Robb, chief executive of housing and homelessness charity Shelter, who said: "Very few people go from homeless to self-sufficient within two years.

"The proposal for a minimum of this period shows the Government's naivety in how quickly people are able to get back on their feet."

While the Government is investing £400 million in preventing homelessness, as of April 2011, some new tenants will be faced with rents of up to 80 per cent of the value of local market rents. This will not affect existing social-housing tenants.

The mobility of social-housing tenants is also a key area of focus for Mr Shapps, who is imple-

menting a new National Home Swap Scheme.

He is also scrapping the Tenant Services Authority in favour of a new system of tenant panels, which landlords will be expected to support. The plans represent an attempt to end what Mr Shapps referred to as a "lazy consensus" in social housing, which has seen the number of people on housing waiting lists almost double in 13 years to five million.

"The Government's response to our affordable-housing crisis has seen the poorest and most vulnerable in society penalised again and again in what begins to feel like a deliberate attack."

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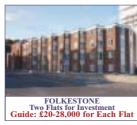








































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NO TRAINING: Andy Barcham is still sidelined

No comfort from the cold for the injured

THE cold snap has delayed the progress of Gillingham's players returning from injury, with none certain to be in contention for this weekend's trip to Macclesfield.

Winger Andy Barcham and centre-backs

Simon King and Garry Richards have all had lengthy spells on the sidelines, but are now able to complete full training sessions

with the rest of the squad.

The key now is match fitness, but Gillingham's plans have been frustrated by the weather. King got a run-out in a specially arranged friendly against Dagenham & Redbridge earlier this month, and the cen-

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tre-back, Richards and Barcham were all due to feature for the reserves at Wycombe last week, but it was snowed off.

Another hastily arranged friendly against Colchester was due to be played yesterday, but it had to be scrapped with neither club's

pitches playable.
Gills boss Andy Hessenthaler is anxious not to stretch the players, fearing a setback, but if Peterborough recall Charlie Lee and Chris Whelpdale they may be need-

ed to make up the numbers on the bench. He said: "This break has given players time to get treatment but the lads coming back need game situations now. They probably need two or three games to be firing on all cylinders.

"There's a question mark on most of them [for Saturday] but you never know. We will really look at them in training, but if the loan boys get called back we will be low on

Stefan Payne and Luke Rooney are also doubts after picking up minor knee problems in training.

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RETURN: Luke Rooney is back from a month on loan

Rooney targets a place in first-team

REFRESHED after a month playing on loan in the Conference Premier, Luke Rooney has returned to Gillingham with a renewed desire to establish himself at Priestfield for the first time.

The 19-year-old's career to date has largely consisted of entertaining 20-minute cameos, as both Mark Stimson and Andy Hessenthaler have been reluctant to use him from the start. Of Rooney's 19 league appearances for the Gills, 17 have come from the bench.

Hopes were high in the summer this

could be his breakthrough season, but the first three months of the campaign brought only a handful of brief substitute appearances and two starts in the cup.

When Eastbourne Borough, where Rooney had a spell last season, enquired about another loan spell in October, it suited all parties. After four successive starts in the Conference, he is eager to make a point.

"It's great to be back, Gillingham's where I want to be at the end of the day, that's my ultimate goal," he said.

"I really do [get frustrated] – at the end of the day everyone wants to play. They say 'you're only young' but it doesn't mat-ter to me. I want to be in the team making things happen. I'm not one of those young players who's happy to sit about

Competition for places is due to increase as Gillingham's injury list begins to shorten, with Andy Barcham's imminent return providing a possible obstacle to Rooney. But he remains a viable option, particularly with another of his rivals, Bruce Inkango, unable to make his mark so far.

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LOAN PICKS: Gilingham boss Andy Hessenthaler wants to extend Charlie Lees (left) loan from Peterborough, while he would welcome back Callum Kennedy (right), who has returned to Swindon

Gills hope to retain Posh loan duo despite return rumours

GILLINGHAM are still hoping to extend the loan deals of Charlie Lee and Chris Whelpdale, despite parent club Peterborough planning to recall the pair.

The midfielders were recruited in the aftermath of the Gills' FA Cup defeat to Dover Athletic. They did not miss a minute of the three games since then, with Whelpdale scoring on his debut against Crewe Alexandra. Both players were on target as Gillingham came from behind to win at Barnet in their last outing.

The 28-day loan agreement expired yesterday, but Gills boss Andy Hessenthaler believes they will both be available for this weekend's trip to Macclesfield.

Peterborough manager Gary Johnson has come under fire from some supporters for letting the pair go out on loan and told local media they would be brought back, but

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BY **DAVID PRITCHARD**

Hessenthaler believes there is still a chance of extending the arrangement.

He said: "We're waiting. I think hopefully we will have them for Saturday. If they extend it great, but if not we will have to get on with things. Peterborough have done us a favour, the players would like to stay, but it's out of their hands. The 28-day period runs out [on Tuesday] but we can play them against Macclesfield.

"I think they've impressed the boys who were already here. Callum Kennedy did well also before going back, he might be one for the

Kennedy returned to Swindon this week, which should mean John Nutter regains his place at left-back this weekend.

Gillingham will head to Moss Rose lower on match fitness than usual after 18 days without a game. Following a gap in the fixtures due to

their early FA Cup exit, the snow and freezing temperatures made Priestfield unplayable, forcing their game last Saturday against Rotherham United to be postponed.

Training sessions were also affected, but the squad were able to go through indoor sessions on Friday and Saturday before returning to their outdoor pitches at Beechings Cross on

The Gills boss admitted the preparation before this week had been far from ideal, but with Macclesfield also affected was not unduly

Hessenthaler said: "It's been quite disruptive for the players travelling to get into training. We haven't got the facilities the Premier League clubs have so we've had to go with what we've got. I think we've coped well enough, you just have to trust the players to do the right thing.

"I think everyone in the lower leagues is in the same boat. It's just unfortunate for us it's come at a bad time after two away wins, but we want to keep that run going on Saturday."

Haines set to challenge European Tour big guns

BY TOM HOWARD

BEING star struck is not something which is likely to affect golfer Matt Haines, who begins his maiden European Tour campaign tomorrow.

Haines, who only turned professional in May, is in South Africa for the Alfred Dunhill Championship and is set to begin a new chapter of his career after earning the right to play against some of the world's elite golfers.

The Rochester & Cobham Park member is fast becoming one of Britain's brightest golf prospects after a glittering amateur career, which he followed up with a second-placed finish in this year's European Challenge Tour rankings.

The 20-year-old, who only completed his Challenge Tour season five weeks ago with victory in the San Domenico Grand Final, is looking forward to the task of competing at European golf's top level.

With the prospect of playing established names such as Lee Westwood, Rory McIlroy and Graeme McDowell, he says the key is keeping a level head, beginning at the Alfred

Dunhill Championship.

He said: "I just see it as another tournament. It is the start of a new path for me though for sure. The European Tour is where I want to be and I need to try and settle into it as soon as possible. I can't be overawed by it as I have a



TOP PROSPECT: Matt Haines pictured after winning the European Challenge Tour San Domenico Grand Final trophy

"I'll be a bit rusty after some time off and also not being able to prepare properly at home, but I'm certainly eager to face the challenge ahead. I'm sure once I get on Tour I'll be able to pick the brains of some players once I get to meet and know them.'

While the snow and freezing temperatures have played havoc with the sporting schedule this week, the conditions have equally affected

Haines' preparations for the trip to South Africa. He said: "This unbelievable weather, for the time of year anyway, is really hampering things. Frozen greens and really cold temperatures is not really the ideal preparation for what I'll face in South Africa. I've been preparing mentally though and have been in the gym too.

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FIXTURES (Saturday): League Two: Macclesfield Town v Gillin Ryman Division One South: Whitehawk v Chatham Town

Chats feeling strain after cancellations, says boss

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CHATHAM Town manager Paul Foley believes the biggest problem for his side from the flurry of postponements is likely to be mental rather than physical. The Chats have been one of the hardest hit

by the weather, with their last three games called off due to the snow or frozen pitches.

Their trip to Worthing last weekend was one of the first in the Ryman South to be called off, meaning this Saturday's trip to Whitehawk will be their first outing since November 20.

Although the squad have been unable to train together for much of that time, Foley's main concern is on the psychological impact.

He said: "The snow affected the whole country which was pretty much brought to its knees last week so we're no different. We haven't been able to train for over a week and that's tough to deal with, but there is not much we can do about it.

"You have to emphasise the need to keep fitness levels up – most of the lads know they need to do this so I am not too concerned – the tough part is you lose momentum on your match fitness in terms of mental awareness and the routine and pattern which you start to fall into.

"We were looking close before the snow fell so that is very frustrating."

Newly-promoted Whitehawk will provide a stiff test when play resumes this weekend, with the East Sussex side sitting in the playoff places. Gary Ward (suspended) will be the only player missing for the visitors.



SIDELINED: Chatham players will be frustrated by the recent postponements, says manager Paul Foley

ICE HOCKEY



Mos bounce back in emphatic style

A WEEK on from their worst performance of the season, Invicta Dynamos found the perfect reply as they reached double figures to win both games last weekend.

The Mos won 11-3 at Swindon Wildcats on Saturday and followed it up with a 10-1 victory over rivals Streatham Redskins at home a day later. It was an emphatic response to the 3-2 defeat at lowly Milton Keynes Thunder in their previous outing.

While the snow and freezing weather played havoc with most of the sporting fixtures last weekend, the Mos' trip to Swindon was unaffected.

They began well and Daniel Borges opened the scoring inside two minutes. But despite propping up the division, Swindon have proved dangerous at times this season and they hit back to lead 2-1 at the end of the first period.

Just as it looked like another tough away day for Kevin Parrish's side, they showed their credentials with a superb 20-minute spell. Borges scored twice to complete his hat-trick, while Andy Smith, Corey Watkins and Callum Fowler chipped in with goals. Borges ended a stunning period with two more to open up an 8-3 lead.
Fowler, Watkins and Karl Lennon round-

ed off the game with goals in the final period to seal the victory.

Streatham posed a much stiffer test on paper, especially following a 7-7 draw in the reverse fixture on the opening day of the season. The reality was very different, as the Mos again ran riot to dominate from start to finish.

Smith and Michael Timms gave the hosts a 2-0 lead at the end of the first period and the latter went on to complete his hat-trick in a man-of-the-match performance. Watkins (two), Scott Beeson, Fowler, Borges and Calitri

all got on the scoresheet before the buzzer. The Mos host Milton Keynes Thunder this Sunday, face-off is at 5.15pm.

European cross-country squad call up for Gray

ATHLETICS

WINNING a second successive medal will be the aim for Natalie Gray after being selected to represent Great Britain at European Cross Country Championships this weekend.

The Medway & Maidstone athlete goes in the under-23 women's race at the event, which is this year held in Albufeira, Portugal.

Gray, who has won the last two county cross-country titles, competed in last year's championships, where her 18th-placed finish in Dublin helped Britain win gold in the

The 22-year-old has spent the last three months training in New Mexico, USA, which forced her to miss the national trials in Liverpool last month.

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